



Shifa Inter-Scholastic Tournament 2015

Pakistan's Biggest Islamic Event for the Youth



SIST2015

**UNITED
WE BOW**

WHAT BINDS US IS STRONGER THAN WHAT DIVIDES US

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JANUARY 23RD, 2015

"Hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together,
And do not become divided."
- Qur'an 3:103

7th - 8th Feb' 15

Faisal Mosque &
Convention Centre

Islamabad

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WHAT IS SHIFA INTERSCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENT?

SIST is a series of competitive events and contests designed to test and push skills such as articulation and creative writing, art and design, Islamic knowledge and athletic prowess.

Through these competitions, we wish to provide the young generation with a venue to explore their varied talents and to re-discover their rich culture and roots. In an era where everything from our values, ideals, and beliefs to our aspirations and goals are shrouded with false attires and where some youth may find hindrances to future success, we believe that hosting such events and opening such opportunities for the youth is an honorable responsibility. Furthermore, the event will also serve as an opportunity for students from different institutions to meet and exchange ideas.

Our objective – with the two-day event, our aim is to provide a platform for the young minds who are trying to find their place in society to engage in intellectual discourse, and to come to the realization that Islam is a way of life – a way of life that can and should be incorporated into everything we do.

This year, Day 1 will be dedicated solely to the competitive events – at Faisal Mosque; Day 2 will feature *food-for-thought* talks by some very inspirational speakers and scholars – at Convention Centre. We're looking forward to having you!

SIST CATEGORIES

Category I - THE ARTS

- Art on the Spot
- Calligraphy
- Photography
- Nasheed (separate for brothers and sisters)
- Short Film
- 3-D Art
- Poster Design
- Stories for Young Hearts (a book designing competition)

Category II - KNOWLEDGE AND QURAN

- Islamic Jeopardy
- Tajweed (for both brothers and sisters (separate competitions))
- Reviving Sunnah on Campus

Category III - ARTICULATION AND WRITING

- The SIST Debates
- SIST Journalism
- On-The-Spot Essay Writing (Urdu and English)
- Poetry (Bait Bazi and Spoken Word)

Category IV - MISCELLANEOUS

- Community Service Project
- Futsal (for brothers only)
- Table Tennis (for sisters only)
- Business Ideas
- App Designing



THEME: UNITED WE BOW

WHAT BINDS US IS STRONGER THAN WHAT DIVIDES US

Ask yourself a question: what divides us, so deeply, as Muslims?

A deluge of answers will crash over you instantly. Nationalism. Tribalism. Sectarian differences, power struggles, economic grounds, hypocrisy. His fault, their fault, us versus them. Distance from Islam, lack of organization; a never ending list that fades off into the distance – leaving behind it an aftertaste of quiet desperation.

“And what binds us together?” you might ask yourself.

Islam, a small voice will say. A voice that recognizes its own undeniable fallibility. We have waged bloody wars amongst ourselves; abandoned each other to our mutual enemies; targeted and harassed our own people. Can we really still call ourselves united? Will we ever really be?

“If you had spent all that is in the earth, you could not have brought their hearts together; but Allah brought them together. Indeed, He is Exalted in Might and Wise.” [8:63]

What does bind us, after all? It is the seed of Imaan – that Allah alone can plant. Centuries ago, it was planted in the hearts of Aws and Khazraj; transforming them from implacable enemies into the famous Ansar we know them to be. Centuries later, the rules remain unchanged. What binds us together? Our Imaan does.

As young Muslim men and women raised in this day and age – blessed as we are with both, a world class education and an exposure to a global revival, of sorts, of Islam – we have a choice before us. We can choose to extend the mistakes that generations of Muslims have been making before us; and continue to divide the Ummah into smaller and smaller segments. Or we can accept the incredible and beautiful diversity of our Ummah and celebrate it; let it be a source of love and mutual bonding and the mutual striving together for Allah's pleasure. Just like the glorious tradition of the great Muslims of Madinah.

Join us at SIST '15 as we collectively envision a global Jamaat of Muslims, standing shoulder to shoulder in perfect rows, linking strength to strength; united in our mutual pursuit of the ultimate success – the pleasure of Allah. United to worship. United, we bow.

“And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers.” [3:103]



HOW TO REGISTER?

REGISTRATION DEADLINE - JANUARY 23, 2015

1. Set up your Team – 3 to 15 members
2. Choose your Team Leader
3. Choose your team name
4. Choose competitions for each team member
5. Institute Permission Form – for teams representing an institution
6. Parental Permission Form – for under 18s
7. Identification Cards
8. Registration Fee
9. Submit your registration documents*.

*You can either register online at our website, or fill out the forms provided at the end of this registration package and post them to our mailing address. For our complete contact information, turn to the end of this document.

****Note - Please make sure you go through the details of the registration process ahead.**

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

1. Anybody between the ages of 13 and 25 can participate. Students below the age of 13 who understand the nature of the competition, and that they would be competing against individuals older than themselves may also contact us for permission to participate. Granting permission will be at the sole discretion of the SIST organizing committee. Such participants would be subject to the same rules and restrictions as regular participants.
2. Each team may contain 3 – 15 members.
3. You may register either from an institution or as a private team. Your team may include members from outside your institution. More than one team can represent an institution.
4. On the Team Sign-up Sheet (attached at the end of the registration package), state your team's name, enlist all your team members, and indicate who is the team leader. In front of each team member, enlist the events they will be participating in.
5. Maximum of 2 members per team may sign up for each of the competitive events. The exceptions are in the rulebook – available at our website. **Please read it thoroughly.**
6. Team members who sign up for more than one competition must go over the schedule carefully to ensure that there is no timing overlap between their events. The schedule is available on the SIST website. You must check the website regularly for updates regarding the schedule, as it may be subject to changes. In case there is a clash among the competitions, the team leader must contact the SIST organizing committee well in time. The organizing committee will try its best to accommodate the participants. However, the SIST organizing committee cannot be held responsible in case a clash cannot be resolved.

RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

7. If you are representing an institution, get the **Institution Permission Form** (attached at the end of the registration package) signed by your institution's administration.
8. All under 18 team members – as of February 7th, 2015 – must get the Parental Permission Form signed (attached at the end of the registration package) by their parents/guardians.
9. Each team member must provide a copy of his or her institution ID card, CNIC or driver's license.
10. Each team member must go over the **Category Overview and Rules** for the competitive event that they are participating in. These are available in the SIST rulebook at our website.
11. All team members must visit our website regularly for updates or changes in rules or schedule.
12. While it does its best to ensure the safety of the participants at SIST, the organizing committee shall not be held responsible for any accidents that occur during or leading up to the event.
13. A **Confirmation Email** will be sent to the Team Leader two weeks before SIST. It will confirm each team member's registration information, and their respective competitions. To make any changes regarding event participation, the team leader must contact the SIST organizing committee immediately, via email. **No changes will be accommodated after January 31st, 2015.**
14. In case of a team member's failure to show up, the team will receive a zero for that competition. Make sure your team members register for competitions they intend to participate in.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A LEADER

- * **The Team Leader** may be a member of the team or an accompanying teacher/guardian.
 - Follow the registration deadline strictly.
 - Make sure each member is signed up for the correct competitions on the team sign-up sheet.
 - The SIST team will contact only the team leader – and not the team members – through email or phone, for any and all updates.
 - Teams shall be unable to check in at SIST without their team leader.
 - The team leader will be responsible for his or her team members' behavior throughout the entire tournament. Any issues that arise shall be addressed directly to the team leader.
 - Each team will be assigned a **Team Manager**– a member of the SIST organising committee.
 - All concerns regarding the competition rules, the results and any general queries about SIST should be directed towards the Team Manager. **Only the team leader** will be in contact with the team manager.
 - If a team member signs up for more than one event, check the schedule carefully to ensure there is no timing overlap between the multiple events. Check the website regularly for changes in the schedule.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A LEADER

- In case of a clash, the team leader is supposed to inform the SIST organizing committee well in time. The SIST organizing committee will put in their best efforts to accommodate the participant, but will not be held responsible if that is not possible.
- In case of an emergency, the SIST organizing committee will contact only the team leader.
- Before registering, carefully read our **Registration Steps** sections and the **Rules and Restrictions** section. All students must be familiar with these rules and follow them.
- Failure to comply with the tournament rules may result in disqualification.
- Visit our website for the latest updates on registration, events, speakers and the schedule.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Before submitting your registration package, make sure you have included all of the following documents:

1. Team Sign-Up Sheet (not required for online registration)
2. Institution Permission Form – only for teams representing an institution
3. Parental Permission Form – for under 18s
4. Copy of CNIC/driver's license of each member
5. Registration Fee – Rs. 500 plus Rs. 100 per participant

You may register online via our website. Alternatively, you may post the documents mentioned above to our mailing address given below.

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